

Crown Estate Bill [HL]

SECOND MARSHALLED
LIST OF AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

Amendment
No.

After Clause 2

EARL RUSSELL

32 After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause –

“Report on impact of this Act on the Sovereign Grant

The Secretary of State must, within one year of the passing of this Act and each subsequent year, lay before Parliament a report into the effect of this Act on the size of the Sovereign Grant.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the Secretary of State to review the impact of this Act on the size of the Sovereign Grant.

EARL RUSSELL

33 After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause –

“Skills training fund

In section 4 of the Crown Estate Act 1961 (Grants for public or charitable purposes), after subsection (2) insert –

“(2A) The Commissioners must ensure that a percentage of the Crown Estate’s profit is given to a skills training fund (“the fund”).

(2B) The Commissioners must ensure that the fund works to provide persons residing or employed on the boundaries of or on the land of the Crown Estate with skills training to equip them to perform jobs in the green economy.

- (2C) The Commissioners must ensure that those administering the fund consult with appropriate national and regional organisations and industry to agree the type of training that the fund will provide to meet the requirement under subsection (2B).
- (2D) The Secretary of State must by regulations set the percentage of the Crown Estate's profit to be given to the fund.
- (2E) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (2D) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the Commissioners to direct a percentage of the Crown Estate's profit into a skills training fund.

BARONESS VERE OF NORBITON

34 After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause –

“Report: investment strategy and partnership agreements

- (1) Within six months of the passing of this Act, the Secretary of State must publish a report setting out the scope and nature of the relationship between the Crown Estate and Great British Energy, and the expected impacts from the relationship.
- (2) The Commissioners must thereafter publish a report annually setting out –
 - (a) the actual impacts of the relationship between the Crown Estate and Great British Energy,
 - (b) the investment strategy of the Crown Estate and details of recent investments,
 - (c) an assessment of the how the relationship with Great British Energy has impacted investment by the Crown Estate,
 - (d) the investment strategy for capital investment in infrastructure, including port infrastructure, and
 - (e) an assessment of any investments undertaken following engagement with the National Wealth Fund,
 - (f) the investment strategy for Research and Development with details and analysis of recent investments and their outcomes,
 - (g) an assessment of the impact of investment by the Crown Estate on private sector investment, including the amounts of private sector investment leveraged by investment type and an independent analysis of whether crowding out of private sector investment is likely to have occurred.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Crown Estate Commissioners to annually report on the scope and nature of the relationship between the Crown Estate and Great British Energy, the expected impacts and actual impacts from the relationship.

BARONESS VERE OF NORBITON

35 After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause –

“Restriction on licences for electricity generation

The Commissioners may not grant any licences for the purposes of electricity generation or transmission without confirmation that a grid connection will be available for any electricity that is generated under that licence.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment will ensure that The Crown Estate does not grant new licences for the purpose of electricity generation or transmission without confirmation that a grid connection will be available for any electricity that is generated under that licence.

BARONESS VERE OF NORBITON

36 After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause –

“Limit on the disposal of assets

- (1) The Commissioners must inform The Treasury if the disposal of assets of the Crown Estate will be of a value totalling £10 million or more in a single year.
- (2) The Treasury must approve of any disposal of assets above the threshold in subsection (1) and the Secretary of State must lay a report before Parliament within 28 days of being notified by the Commissioners.”

Member's explanatory statement

This clause requires the Crown Estate commissioners to seek HM Treasury approval for the disposal of assets over £10 million.

LORD FORSYTH OF DRUMLEAN
LORD STRATHCLYDE
VISCOUNT TRENCHARD
LORD CAMPBELL-SAVOURS

37 After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause –

“Salmon farms on the Crown Estate

After section 3 of the Crown Estate Act 1961, insert –

“3A Salmon farms on the Crown Estate

- (1) In carrying out their functions under this Act, the Commissioners must assess the –
 - (a) environmental impact, and
 - (b) animal welfare standardsof salmon farms on the Crown Estate.
- (2) If the assessment under subsection (1) determines that a salmon farm –

- (a) is causing environmental damage, or
 - (b) has significant animal welfare issues,
- then they must revoke the licence for the farm in question.
- (3) The Commissioners must assess the potential –
 - (a) environmental impact, and
 - (b) animal welfare standards
 of applications for licences for salmon farms on the Crown Estate.
 - (4) If the assessment under subsection (3) determines that an application for a licence for a salmon farm –
 - (a) may cause environmental damage, or
 - (b) raises significant animal welfare concerns,
 then they must refuse the application.””

BARONESS VERE OF NORBITON

37A After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause –

“Duty to consider impact on commercial fishing

The Commissioners must not grant new licences to access the seabed without consideration of the impact of those new licences on commercial fishing.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment will ensure that the Commissioners must not grant new licences to access the seabed without consideration of the impact of those new licences on commercial fishing.

BARONESS VERE OF NORBITON

37B After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause –

“Duty to consider impact on commercial shipping

The Commissioners must not grant new licences to access the seabed without consideration of the impact of those new licences on commercial shipping.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment will ensure that the Commissioners must not grant new licences to access the seabed without consideration of the impact of those new licences on commercial shipping.

BARONESS VERE OF NORBITON

37C After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause –

“Duty to consider impact on coastal communities

The Commissioners must not grant new licences to access the seabed without consideration of the impact of those new licences on coastal communities.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment will ensure that the Commissioners must not grant new licences to access the seabed without consideration of the impact of those new licences on coastal communities.

THE EARL OF KINNOULL
LORD VAUX OF HARROWDEN

37D After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause—

“Report on differences between provisions of this Act about the Crown Estate in England and equivalent provisions in Scotland

The Secretary of State must, within 12 months of the day on which this Act is passed, lay before Parliament a report assessing any differences between the provisions made by this Act for the management of the Crown Estate in England and equivalent provisions for the management of the Crown Estate in Scotland.”

LORD BERKELEY

37E After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause—

“Accounts to be annually submitted to the Treasury

In section 2 of the Crown Estate Act 1961, omit subsection (1) and insert—

“(1A) The Commissioners must submit accounts of the receipts and disbursements of the Crown Estate to the Treasury annually, in such form and accompanied by such explanations as the Treasury may from time to time require and direct; and the annual account of receipts and disbursements must be laid before Parliament within one calendar month after the first meeting of Parliament subsequent to the first day of January in every year.””

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment adjusts the requirement on Commissioners to lay their accounts before Parliament annually to match the requirement on the Duchy of Lancaster, as set out in the Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall (Accounts) Act 1838.

THE EARL OF LEICESTER

37F★ After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause—

“Offshore energy installation and generation on the Crown Estate

After section 3 of the Crown Estate Act 1961, insert—

“3A Offshore energy installation and generation on the Crown Estate

(1) In carrying out their functions under this Act, the Commissioners must assess the—

- (a) environmental, and
 - (b) animal welfare standards
- of offshore energy installation and generation on the Crown Estate.
- (2) If assessment under subsection (1) determines that relevant offshore energy installation and generation –
- (a) is causing environmental damage, or
 - (b) has significant animal welfare issues,
- then they must revoke the licence for the installation or generation in question.
- (3) The Commissioners must assess the potential –
- (a) environmental impact, and
 - (b) animal welfare standards
- of applications for licences for the installation and generation of offshore energy on the Crown Estate.
- (4) If the assessment under subsection (3) determines that an application for a licence for the installation and generation of offshore energy on the Crown Estate –
- (a) may cause environmental damage, or
 - (b) raises significant animal welfare concerns,
- then they must refuse the application.””

Member's explanatory statement

This would add provisions to restrict and assess the impact of offshore energy installation and generation on the Crown Estate on the environment and animal welfare.

LORD DOUGLAS-MILLER

37G★ After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause –

“Aquaculture on the Crown Estate

After section 3 of the Crown Estate Act 1961, insert –

“3A Aquaculture on the Crown Estate

- (1) In carrying out their functions under this Act, the Commissioners must assess the –
 - (a) environmental, and
 - (b) animal welfare standards
 of aquacultural practices on the Crown Estate.
- (2) If assessment under subsection (1) determines that relevant aquaculture –
 - (a) is causing environmental damage, or
 - (b) has significant animal welfare issues,

then they must revoke the licence for the aquacultural practice in question.

- (3) The Commissioners must assess the potential –
- (a) environmental impact, and
 - (b) animal welfare standards
- of applications for licences for aquacultural practices on the Crown Estate.
- (4) If the assessment under subsection (3) determines that an application for a licence for an aquaculture practice –
- (a) may cause environmental damage, or
 - (b) raises significant animal welfare concerns,
- then they must refuse the application.””

Member's explanatory statement

This would add provisions to restrict and assess the impact of aquacultural practices on the Crown Estate on the environment and animal welfare.

Clause 3

BARONESS VERE OF NORBITON
LORD ROBOROUGH

- 38 Clause 3, page 2, line 14, leave out from “force” to end of line 15 and insert “two months after a revised Framework Document has been laid before Parliament and the Secretary of State has arranged for the tabling of a motion for resolution on the Framework Document in each House of Parliament”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would prevent the Crown Estate Bill from coming into force until two months after the Framework Document has been laid before Parliament with a motion for resolution in both Houses of Parliament.

BARONESS VERE OF NORBITON
LORD ROBOROUGH

- 39 Clause 3, page 2, line 14, leave out from “force” to end of line 15 and insert “two months after the Partnership Agreement between Great British Energy and The Crown Estate has been laid before Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would prevent the Crown Estate Bill from coming into force until two months after the Partnership Agreement between Great British Energy and the Crown Estate is laid before Parliament.

BARONESS VERE OF NORBITON
LORD ROBOROUGH

- 40 Clause 3, page 2, line 14, leave out from “force” to end of line 15, and insert “two months after the Memorandum of Understanding between Great British Energy and The Crown Estate has been laid before Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would prevent the Crown Estate Bill from coming into force until two months after the Memorandum of Understanding between Great British Energy and the Crown Estate is laid before Parliament.

BARONESS SMITH OF LLANFAES
LORD WIGLEY

- 41 Clause 3, page 2, line 14, leave out “beginning with the day on which it is passed” and insert “after the publication of an agreed fiscal framework between the Treasury and the Crown Estate on the powers to lend under this Act”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require that the Act may only come into force two months after the publication of a fiscal framework agreement between the Treasury and the Crown Estate relating to the powers within the bill.

LORD BERKELEY

- 42 Clause 3, page 2, line 15, at end insert “, or after the Crown Estate Commissioners have published the Crown Estate’s lease extension policy and a Minister of the Crown has tabled a motion in both Houses of Parliament to debate that policy, whichever is the later.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Crown Estate to fulfil part of the Crown undertaking given during Report stage of the passage of the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024, specifically the commitment that it would publish its lease extension policy.

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